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The clergy and laity of this country will learn with regret that Rev. John R. Rosswinkel, S. J., owing to failing health, has resigned from the Mission Band and in future will not conduct missions. Father Rosswinkel conducted his last mission in Louisville at the Cathedral, and at that time his health was not so good. There has been no word from Rosswinkel in the country. Wherever he conducted missions the churches were crowded with Catholics and non-Catholics alike. He spoke straight from the shoulder in language concise and clear, and his words invariably bore fruit.

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THREE OF A KIND.

The fight against America's participation in the war and President Wilson is now being led by three conspicuous representatives of the Guardians of Liberty and the A. P. A. in general—Mayor "Bill" Thompson, of Chicago; Gov. Catts, of Florida, and Tom Watson, of Georgia.

WANT HELP.

The so-called Fraternal day celebration which has been monopolized by the Junior Order the past few years, and which proved a fizzle, has now tried a new tack. They are endeavoring to have the Kentucky State Fair father the move and affix it to their programme, and then claim credit for the large attendance at the fair. They are sure believers in the old motto of "Hitch your wagon to a star."

WOMEN IN FIGHT.

No sooner have the women of Lexington and Fayette county entered politics than they are engaged in a disgusting and demoralizing factional fight. Charging that Miss Nannie Gray Faulconer, the Democratic nominee for County Superintendent of Schools, had won in the primary through the votes of those not legally qualified to vote, more than fifty men and women voters of Fayette county met in Lexington and passed resolutions requesting Miss Frances Folsom McGuire, the defeated candidate, to oppose Miss Faulconer on an independent ticket in the fall election. The resolutions charge that many Republican negro women voted for Miss Faulconer in the Democratic primary. It is understood that Miss McGuire will consent to run if the patronage is strong enough. From this it can be readily seen that the suffragette in politics will not elevate womanhood.

LOOKED TO AS REBELS.

The business of catering to democracy is getting a bit irksome for organs of British Torydom. The Saturday Review of London, in which the Tory spirit flowers most exquisitely, denounces the release of the Irish political prisoners, which it understands was due to a desire to placate democratic opinion in America and Russia. This cultivation of international democratic fraternity does not appeal to the Review, which explodes in this fashion: "So then, we are to endanger the safety of the United Kingdom by tolerating treason and petting rebels in order to please the acumen of Irish-American politicians and to pander to the anarchists who are doing their best to ruin Russia! The policy of Great Britain is to be settled not in the Imperial Parliament but in the Nihilist clubs of Petrograd and Moscow, and in the Mephitic dens where about the mercenary patriots of Tammany. Has it really come to this!" One can see that the mere thought of such an eventually has threatened the Review writer with apoplexy. Also the real English spirit toward the United States, without which John Bull can not save his face.

STAND FOR UNITY.

As has been foretold the Sinn Fein candidate has won in Kilkenny by a handsome majority. Whether or not the Sinn Fein policy of abstention from Parliament be wise time will decide. What is of moment is the effect the election will have on the Irish convention. We have said repeatedly that under ordinary circumstances nothing of value was to be expected from a convention that in reality has not the sanction of Parliament. It is quite possible, however, that the Sinn Fein success may force it to do something toward settling the vexed Irish question. The confidence with which the Sinn Fein party speaks of an Irish republic in the near future has led many people to believe that this party has assurances from powerful quarters that their hopes will be realized. This put a powerful weapon into the hands of the home rule members of the convention and if used vigorously may force the Unionists to strike their colors and agree on a measure which would give Ireland the largest possible modicum of autonomy within the empire. If the convention fail to do this the only course open to the Irish party would be to resign and go to the country for a new mandate. Sinn Fein would thus be given an opportunity to put its policy to the test, and that opportunity it should have. At any rate this is not the time for divided councils and divided forces. "Irish National-

ists of whatever stripe should be a unit in asserting Irish claims, but the votes of the people alone can determine the character and extent of those claims, and what will prove a satisfactory settlement. The watchword should be unity.

VOICE OF THE POPE.

The Omaha World-Herald in a leading editorial last week on Pope Benedict's peace appeal says in part: "The peace proposals that come from the Vatican are of solemn moment. Since the Russian revolution and the entrance of the United States into the war there has been no other occurrence of such importance to the world. Pope Benedict's proposals to the belligerent governments are weighty because of the grave seriousness of the situation that inspires them, because of the exalted source from which they come, and because of their similarity to the proposals made to the terms suggested by President Wilson last January, when it was still hoped that the United States might be permitted to fill the lofty role of peacemaker."

"It is important that every American citizen, every lover of liberty, should recall to mind these statements of the fundamentals of a just and enduring peace, now that all the governments engaged in war, our own included, are challenged by the supreme issue of a great and historic church to an open-minded consideration of the subject. That such consideration will be accorded we may accept without question. Perhaps few if any belligerent governments will be favorably impressed with Pope Benedict's suggestions as a whole. Perhaps the most of them will be inclined to reject them. But nevertheless, with the proposal coming from the way it does and from the source it does, it is not too much to hope that a way will have been opened in which the two great groups of allies, with the least embarrassment to their several members, can present and mutually consider their own ideas of the conditions on which the war might be ended."

"Pope Benedict, we may be sure, had considered well all the obstacles to peace before he acted. But he acted hopefully, nevertheless, and because he conceived it his Christian duty to act, to save civilization from destruction. The same motives that appealed to him must appeal, with equal force, to the responsible heads of all as to the peoples of all the nations at war. From our own Government we may confidently anticipate a response befitting the ideals and traditions of the American people and their purposes in this war. Meanwhile that Government must continue to have the unflinching support of the whole people in the vigorous prosecution of its war programme as the safest and surest step toward an early peace. On this, more than on all else, will depend the disposition of the German Government to consider peace terms that will make the world safe for America."

The above is a very reasonable interpretation of the Holy Father's intention in sending his peace propositions to the heads of all the belligerent governments. The Pope intends his ideas to form merely a basis on which the diplomats of the different countries now at war can meet for discussion. The entire world is war-weary and would welcome an early peace. The devastation caused by this war is terrible and if it should continue much longer there will be little left worth fighting for—nations bankrupt and depopulated for the next hundred years.

DEMORALIZING.

That the divorce evil is demoralizing Louisville and Jefferson county none can deny. Here we have two Chancery Courts where divorce cases are tried, and which occupied the greater part of their time last year and therefore interfering with their regular and more important business. Last year there were 2,554 marriage licenses granted and 660 divorces. The law, and not the courts, is responsible for this condition of affairs. The next Legislature should enact laws that will entirely abolish or greatly reduce this evil, which is fast destroying many Kentucky homes.

GOOD FOR HART.

Dr. Thomas P. Hart, of the Catholic Telegraph, is now President of the Catholic Press Association. Here's hearty congratulations and the hope that all will give him earnest and undivided support.

Ten more States must vote "dry" before national-wide prohibition can become effective. A number of those already "dry" will join the "wets" when the final test comes. They are disappointed over the results.

Congratulations to the Toledo Record, which with last week's issue entered its thirteenth year. May its success increase with the coming years.

COMING EVENTS.

August 27—Ladies' Altar Society church benefit entertainment at St. Michael's Hall, Brook street.

SOCIETY.

Miss Carrie McKibbin is sojourning at Petoskey, Mich.

Miss Florence Leahy spent several days last week at Nazareth.

Mrs. Martin Moran left Monday to visit friends at Asheville, N. C.

Miss Nell Cashman spent last week with friends at Hardinsburg.

Miss Lula McCrory left Saturday for New York and other Eastern points.

Miss Marie McGee was last week the guest of Miss Cecilia Mattingly at Bardonia.

Miss Anna Shelley, of Trenton, N. J., is the guest of Mrs. Elizabeth Burns in Clifton.

Miss Marie Vigini left Sunday for Battle Creek to join her aunt, Mrs. Kate Wilson.

Miss Mamie Gottbrath will return today from a week's sojourn at Graham Springs.

Miss Geneva Keely left Sunday for Chicago, to be the guest of Miss Mary T. Barry.

Miss Alma Cole is home after a pleasant visit with her aunt, Mrs. E. M. Cole, at Latonia.

Miss Mary Rose Henry has been visiting at Cloverport, the guest of the Rev. Father Henry.

Edward J. Hackett, Jr., of Memphis, has been the guest of his parents in New Albany.

Miss Dorothy Duane has been entertaining Miss Catherine Rouse, a visitor from Solitude.

Miss Katie Flahive was the recent Sunday guest of the Misses Lindell at Jeffersonton.

Miss Dorothy Callahan, of New Albany, is spending several weeks with relatives in Cleveland.

Mrs. Eugene Sullivan is the guest of her daughter, Mrs. John Donlon, at Nashville, Tenn.

Miss Kate McDermott was a recent visitor at New Haven, the guest of Mrs. W. H. Lyons.

Miss Frances Corrigan, of the Highlands, is in Buffalo to spend several weeks with relatives.

Mrs. Carrie Gallagher, of St. Paul, Minn., was this week the guest of Mrs. B. Admms in Jeffersonton.

Mrs. John Fallahay and son spent last week in Indianapolis visiting her sister, Mrs. John T. O'Hern.

Mrs. James Cummins, South Louisville, has returned from a ten days' visit to relatives in Chicago.

Alderman T. J. Camplin has been in New York City and other points East this past week on a business trip.

Misses Rebecca Yager and Annie McGill left Saturday to join Dr. and Mrs. Newton Yager at Atlantic City.

Miss Dorothy Lavery is in Nashville, where she joined her grandmother, Mrs. C. E. Lavery, for a visit.

Mrs. Mich Casper and children were in Tell City the past week, where they visited Mrs. Sarah Clark.

Mrs. Joseph Rehm and daughter, Miss Florence Rehm, left Sunday for Los Angeles to remain several weeks.

Miss Mary Hogan, of South Seventh street, returned this week from a two weeks' vacation at Floyd Knobs.

Little Miss Katherine McGill is in Bardonia, where she will spend the summer with Mr. and Mrs. Will McGill.

Miss Ann O'Keefe, of Beechmont, has been visiting in Frankfort this week as the guest of Miss Mary Power.

Miss Frances Shanley is home from Chicago, where she accompanied Mrs. R. B. and Miss Minnie Taylor.

Henry Hunold and Magistrate Ben Schulman have been registered at West Baden for a vacation from business.

Mrs. Clara Romp, of Portland, had as visitors the past week Mrs. Fred Kelly and son Edward, of Covington.

Senator Mark Ryan, of the Sheriff's office, is enjoying a two weeks' vacation with friends at one of the river camps.

Mrs. John Godfrey and daughter, Mary Godfrey, have returned from Boston, New York and other cities in the East.

Miss Elizabeth Egan, of New Albany, has been spending the week visiting friends and relatives at Indianapolis.

Mr. and Mrs. Will S. Kallenbacher and children have returned from a week's visit with relatives at Shelbyville.

Miss Josephine Tierney is recovering from a long and serious illness of typhoid fever at her home on West Broadway.

Mr. and Mrs. Vincent Burke and daughter, of Clifton, left last week for Covington, where they will make their home.

Mrs. W. J. Scholtz, who has been quite ill at St. Mary and Elizabeth Hospital, has returned to

her home on West Broadway, where her condition is steadily improving.

Misses Margaret Foley, Helen Muller and Blanche McGrath spent the week end with Mrs. M. J. Duffy, Jr., at South Park.

Miss Maggie Dalton has returned to her home after a two months' visit at Warsaw, the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Martin Maylor.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Hackett, of New Albany, visited at Bloomington last week, the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Frank J. Dunn.

Miss Anne McGovern, of Flora Heights, has returned from a two weeks' visit to her sister, Mrs. A. G. Head, in Indianapolis.

Miss Esther Steuerle, who is visiting friends in Cincinnati, was the guest of honor at a party given at the home of Miss Irma Johnson in Clifton.

Mrs. Josephine Barrett, Miss Tillie Cuniff and Miss Margaret Hoertz are expected home tomorrow from Chicago, where they have been visiting.

Edward Smith, a former Louisville boy, but now residing in Chicago, has been here this past week on a visit to his mother, Mrs. Mary Smith, of Bank street.

Miss Mary Louise Whitty, West Broadway, has returned from Chattanooga, where she has been visiting her cousin, Mrs. E. Walter Hillrich, since early in the summer.

Rev. Father Monaghan, Will B. Goda, Adam Schneider and James B. Kelly will leave tonight for Richmond, Ind., to represent Trinity Council, Y. M. C. I., at the annual convention.

Miss Imo Muir, who was the guest of her aunt, Mrs. Robert J. Hagan, has returned to her home at Bardonia. While here she received much attention from the younger set.

Misses Margaret and Helen Smith, two pretty and popular girls of St. Louis, and daughters of a leading railroad official, were guests this week of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Doerr, of 2204 Portland avenue.

Mrs. Minnie O'Connell and daughters, Miss Minnie O'Connell and Miss Willie O'Connell, of Jeffersonville, departed Tuesday for Cincinnati to visit Mrs. Alice McCann, another daughter of Mrs. O'Connell, for two weeks.

DEMOCRATS RECOVERING.

Col. Frank McGrath, Col. M. J. Brennan, Capt. M. J. Hogan and Lieut. James E. Fahey, four of our prominent Democratic leaders, went to Dawson Springs Wednesday for a ten days' stay, where they will rest and recuperate in preparation for the strenuous days of the coming campaign.

FELICITATIONS.

Innumerable felicitations from near and far have found their way during the past week to the home of Mr. and Mrs. David Garvey, 2319 West Main, upon the birth of another promising son. The father and mother, who are very popular and well known, have received nine visits from the Stork, who brought to them six boys and three girls, seven of whom still brighten their home.

ENTERTAINMENT.

Monday evening the Ladies' Altar Society entertainment for the benefit of St. Michael's church, Brook street, will be held in the school hall. This is the only entertainment given by this parish this year, and will include games, supper and many pleasing features. The preparations have been going actively forward and the numbers of the parish as well as the pastor, Rev. Martin O'Connor, extend a cordial invitation to all friends.

OURS THE BEST.

Deputy Jailer George Flynn returned the first of the week from a trip to Chicago and Milwaukee, where he had a real live time. In both cities he inspected the jails, which he says are well conducted but far behind the one here presided over by Charles Foster, where cleanliness and the sanitary conditions more perfect than in any other in the entire country.

SACRED HEART RETREAT.

The triennial chapter of the Central Province of the Passionist Fathers will be held at Sacred Heart Retreat, on the Newburg road, beginning September 5. The Provincial and other officers are to be elected at this chapter, and the various monasteries, including that of Holy Cross, Cincinnati, will be selected.

ST. BRIGID'S.

Tomorrow evening at 7:30 o'clock there will be an inaugural organ recital by Prof. Arthur C. Becker on the new Plicher organ at St. Brigid's church, of which the Rev. Father Jansen is pastor. The new organ is one of the finest in the State, and the programme arranged will prove a musical treat. Following the recital there will be benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.

JEFFERSONVILLE.

Announcement is made by Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Lang, 951 East Maple street, Jeffersonville, of the engagement of their daughter, Miss Cora Gertrude Lang, to Thomas M. Marra, who is a member of the City Council. The date for the marriage has not been fixed.

RESTORING CATHEDRAL.

St. Louis Cathedral at New Orleans, one of the country's oldest Catholic edifices, is to be restored at a cost of \$100,000 through the contribution of an individual who desired that his identity be not disclosed. The Cathedral was erected on a site selected in 1718 by Blenville, founder of New Orleans.

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RECENT DEATHS.

The death of Capt. James W. O'Neil on Saturday at his home, 2326 West Jefferson street, after an illness of eight months, removes a pioneer river pilot and steamboatman who was well known from Pittsburgh to New Orleans. A dutiful husband, loving father and true friend, he will be missed by all who knew him intimately as well as by the large circle of acquaintances he had formed in private life. In his last hours he received the consolation of his religion at the hands of Rev. Father Raffo, of St. Charles church, from where the funeral was held Monday morning. Surviving him are his wife, Mrs. Carrie O'Neil; two daughters, Misses Marie and Jeannette O'Neil; a son, William O'Neil, and two sisters, Mrs. George Wolfe and Mrs. Ben Sand, the latter of Detroit, Mich.

Sincere sympathy is extended to the family of the late Leonard S. Merline, whose death has removed the presence of a devoted husband, father and upright citizen. For many years he was in the Government revenue service with a most creditable record. His health had been failing for some time past and on Tuesday he succumbed at his home near Jeffersonton. His funeral mass was celebrated at the Cathedral Thursday morning and was attended by a large number of old associates and friends. He is survived by a brother, T. Hamilton Merline, and two sisters, Miss Marie Merline and Mrs. Elizabeth Ray; also his wife, Mrs. Bertha Merline, and nine children.

GOOD LUCK, HENRY.

Henry P. Maloney, one of Louisville's best known young men, left Monday for Cincinnati, where the Consolidated Casualty Company, with whom he is connected, will be located in the future. His many local friends and acquaintances extend him their best wishes in his new location.

GETS EASTERN POST.

Lieut. Charles P. Barton, Jr., who has been visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles P. Barton, left the first of the week for Springfield, Mass., where he has been ordered to report for duty at an arsenal.

DRAWS TO CLOSE.

Though the season nears its close there has been no decrease in the attendance at Fontaine Ferry Park, now at its best. Judge Charles A. Wilson, the manager, has won favor with the public and "Kiddyland" is the delight of the little folk. In the theater next week Bertie Beaumont and Jack Arnold will occupy headline position, presenting an uproariously funny affair entitled "The Sergeant." The piece is said to be a miniature musical comedy. Four other entertaining and amusing numbers feature the bill to be presented.

HOLD THE NEWS.

News of the proceedings of the Irish convention in Dublin is being withheld from the press and public. An official statement issued Tuesday night on the progress of the convention says: "The fifth meeting entered upon the consideration of certain draft schemes based upon the Domination principle of self-government and the discussion lasted throughout the day."

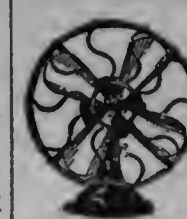
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What They Have Been Doing
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News Notes.

Division 4 will meet next Monday evening.

Denny Crowley wants a job unimpairing when the A. O. H. team plays only.

St. Paul Hibernians will have their field day and sports carnival on September 2.

Tom Dolan and Mike McDermott have just returned from an excursion down the river.

The ball team has been the means of bringing many members together on Sunday afternoon.

County Financial Secretary James McTigue was a visitor at Division 3's meeting last Friday evening.

County President John Hennessy plans a big get-together initiation as soon as the warm spell is over.

County Vice President Matt O'Brien has been a thirty-third degree roofer for the A. O. H. ball team.

The Ladies' Auxiliary of Norwich, N. Y., gave a successful lawn fete to help swell the K. of C. war camp fund.

State Secretary P. J. O'Donnell is doing excellent work for the advancement of Irish history study in Minnesota.

Boston Hibernians have sent petitions to President Wilson urging complete freedom and independence for Ireland.

Division 3 of South Omaha made an excellent showing in the Catholic societies' parade in that city last Sunday.

Without noise or display the Ancient Order will aid the dependents of its members who follow the flag into war.

County Boards and divisions in Ireland are refusing to further recognize the authority of the Devlin administration.

The Hibernians of Portland, Ore., are planning a monster fair for the first part of November for the benefit of the Hibernian building.

Gov. Cox, Mayor Puchta and State President Edward Dowling were among the speakers at the annual Irish outing last Sunday in Cincinnati.

Irish day was a big event on Wednesday for the Hibernians of Indianapolis, who realized a nice sum for the war relief work of the order.

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Treasurer—John F. Burke.

Sergeant-at-Arms—Thomas Dignan.

Sentinel—M. J. McDermott.

Laughlin and National President Mrs. Mary McWhorter participated in the Washington Catholic Congress.

The Ladies' Auxiliary of St. Joseph, Mo., prepared a roasting reception for last night, when Mrs. Mary McWhorter, National President, lectured in that city.

The joint class initiation of Divisions 1 and 3 in South Omaha was a pronounced success. Members of the order filled McCann's Hall and were pleased with the degree work.

St. Louis Hibernians have forwarded resolutions of sympathy to Mrs. William H. K. Redmond and Hon. John Redmond, wife and brother of the late W. H. K. Redmond, the Irish patriot, who died a hero's death on the French battlefield.

The famous Seventh Illinois Infantry of Chicago, commanded by Col. Dan Moriarty, was originally the Hibernian Rifles, of which there were eight companies. Rev. John J. O'Hern, with the rank of Captain, is the chaplain. The Seventh is proud of its band, which is led by a former police officer as drum major. "The Top of the Mornin'" is the regimental fighting song, and next in the hearts of the command come "America, Here's My Boy," and "We're Going Over."

CARDINAL TO SOLDIERS.
Cardinal O'Connell has given another practical proof of his interest in the boys of the Ninth Massachusetts by presenting to them, through their chaplain, Rev. M. J. O'Connor, handsome prayer books and Rosary beads.

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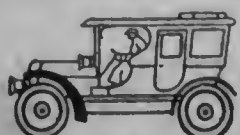
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SINN FEIN VIEW POINT.

They Expect Their Party to Dominate a United Ireland and Bring About Entire Independence—Richard Barry Reviews Convention and Situation and Recent Election Successes.

"Who is that Chinaman, Sinn Fein, that is raising all the rumpus in Ireland?" asked a Liverpool delegate to the convention in Dublin as he stood waiting to embark. If the English have had difficulty in answering the question, surely Americans may be pardoned for a similar predicament.

Sinn Feinism, we have been told, is vague, impractical, chaotic, essentially founded on hopeless rebellion and foredoomed to quixotic failure. However, in my investigation of the last few weeks, in which I have talked with over a dozen men just out of Ireland, among whom are Dr. Patrick McCarten, the envoy from the Provisional Government of the Irish Republic to the United States, as well as five soldiers of the revolutionary army, it appears to me that on the contrary Sinn Feinism is today, whatever it may have been in the immediate past, a powerful political party, with a definite political program. To understand the strength of Sinn Fein certain facts must be repeated, facts which have been partially stated separately in the American press, but which have not been collated so that they are understood for instance by the British Government.

First—Most important of all is the fact that Ireland today has in addition to one Robert Emmet, whose historic martyrdom fades back to 1798, sixteen new Robert Emmets, with halos dating back only to Easter, 1916. As a direct result, while the rebellion of 1916 mustered only 1,200 men, there are now hundreds of thousands of men ready to oppose, even if only with shovels and meat axes, and certainly with their lives, any further encroachment of English military power. Whereas the English garrison in Ireland eighteen months ago was less than 30,000 men, it is today more than 70,000 men. Whereas at the beginning of the great war the Irish regiments marched out to fight for England to a man, not a Corporal's guard has been recruited in eighteen months, and the depletion in the Irish ranks in France has been filled with English "rookies."

Second—More astonishing than the solidarity of the young fighting men of Ireland is the recently and repeatedly demonstrated unity of the voters. To realize the meaning of the figures I will quote it must constantly be borne in mind that only property owners vote in Ireland. The charge that the opposition is "hot-headed," "unreasonable," "emotional," has more force as applied to young men of military age than it has as applied to men of middle age and old age who own property and who have had more to a year to reflect as to the grave meaning of their duly registered ballots. In the last three months there have been three elections—one in North Roscommon, one in South Longford and one in East Clare. In each the Sinn Fein leaders have won, by majorities ranging from 55 per cent. in Roscommon to 71 per cent. in East Clare. Each one of these districts was previously a Nationalist stronghold, and in each a well known Irish Nationalist leader opposed a Sinn Fein leader. It was said by the opposition, and with some show of truth, that the first two districts (Roscommon and Longford) the Sinn Fein triumphs were those of popular personalities, their candidates being Count Plunkett, who had lost two sons in the rebellion, and McGuinness, who was imprisoned in England for participation therein. But in neither of these elections did the Sinn Fein candidates announce their constructive platform. Evidently fearful of boldly stating their purposes, they were content merely to oppose the previously popular leaders. They received a vote of confidence, though by small majorities—in the case of McGuinness only 130.

But in the third election the Sinn Fein candidate announced a policy, the tactics which had caused the opposition, especially in England, to say that they had no policy. Instead they openly declared themselves, and their third candidate was elected by a much larger majority than the other two. The very name of the party describes its purposes accurately for any Irishman, and it could hardly be bettered in Irish, though it means nothing in English. "For ourselves alone" is a fair translation.

On being told that it is impossible to have an Irish republic, the Sinn Fein reply that such is the secret longing of every Irishman, even if he thinks it more practicable to pause on the way as a Nationalist, Unionist, or what-not. They add with true Irish logic that if they had not down the Irish republican flag a year ago last Easter no one would even be talking about a republic now, while as a matter of fact a republic is being seriously discussed, even in London, if not actually in the Cabinet. However, the true source of their strength appears to me to be one that is not so subtle, but that is not so subtle as a practical Irishman, a landholder, a voter. This is the fact that Sinn Fein has utterly inverted the object of Irish political thought. It is no longer anti-English; it is pro-Irish. For that reason Sinn Fein has put its feet on the neck of Ireland's past wrongs. It is a political doctrine for the present and for the future. It may have been incidentally, secondarily and for the moment anti-English, but it is vibrantly, dominantly and essentially pro-Irish. They are perfectly willing to forgive and even to forget all the past if England will let them alone now and in the future. That is the astounding aspect of a movement founded by poets and sealed in their blood.

Sinn Fein is far beyond the poetry stage now. It has a double appeal to the agrarian and manu-

facturing interests. To the farmer it reveals the advantage of Irish land and labor and is a point to the fact that since the short days of the republic and the consequent unwillingness of England, through fear of bloody consequences, further to restrict intensive cultivation the farmers are more prosperous than in generations. To the manufacturer the Sinn Fein offer a widespread appeal, which they have already started, to buy only Irish-made goods. But the economic issue of deepest appeal to the present time is the Sinn Fein programme concerning war taxation. Sinn Fein postulates that as Ireland was not consulted in declaring war, as she has not willingly taken any part in it, as she has nothing to gain from it, as she has forthrightly resisted latterly every attempt to get any of her sons into it, she should not be asked to bear any of the colossal future burden that has been saddled on the British Empire by the war, whatever the purpose. While not anti-clerical, Sinn Fein is certainly non-clerical. Its leadership is both Catholic and Protestant, its membership both Catholic and Protestant. It has not opposed, but has utterly ignored the question of religion. While popularly supposed to be strongest in the Catholic South, it is very strong in Protestant Ulster, where an election might reveal that it actually controls a majority of votes.

As for the so-called Ulster issue, I may best illustrate the condition there by repeating the story an Orangeman told me as happening to himself. When the gun running for the Ulster Volunteers occurred previous to the war, at the time Carson was drilling the men, ostensibly, as was said, to resist home rule, this man, an Ulster volunteer, borrowed of a Tyrone man, then and now a Sinn Feiner, his automobile for the purpose of conveying the gun secretly to Belfast. Later, when the gun running occurred in the South and arms were needed for the Dublin volunteers, the Sinn Feiner borrowed of his Ulster friend two automobiles for a similar purpose. Another Sinn Feiner told me that for nine months after the rebellion, while a price was on his head, he was hid in Ulster in the home of one of Carson's district leaders. Ulster does not want partition any more than does Connaught.

Another thing about Sinn Fein little understood is its attitude to the convention in Dublin, which reconvened last week. The Sinn Feiners did not refuse to take a part in it, but offered to stand by to participate in any convention to which the members were selected in the only fair way they could be selected, by the adult suffrage (male and female, said the Sinn Feiners) of Ireland. When they refused to do was to have any part in a convention whose members were nominated and controlled by the British Government. Their proposition was not accepted, and they were offered instead five members, 101, or less than 5 per cent. representation when they controlled over a majority of the votes; even their most bitter opponents admitting they will doubtless capture at least half the Irish seats in Parliament at the next election. In the nomination even of these five the English Government stipulated that the personnel must be approved by the Lloyd George Ministry before it could sit. Sinn Fein could not accept this and therefore no Sinn Feiners are in the convention, which to them is only another English proposition to govern Ireland for England.

However, and here is another Irish contradiction which is the height of logic though paradoxical, the Sinn Feiners are not utterly antagonistic toward the convention. Their attitude is one of "show me," and whatever the result of the convention they intend to handle and manipulate it to their own advantage. They hold the trump cards; they know that they hold them, and they do not intend either to desert Ireland or to throw away the ballot because they have no guns. Whatever the result of the convention they will be able to say to the Irish people: "Here is what your masters offer you; we have had no part in it; but we advise you to do so and so with it." It is not conceivable that the convention will devise a form of government that is not based on an electorate, and eventually it must seek the Irish electorate, if not for confirmation at least for ostensible function. Controlling the electorate, Sinn Fein will certainly be in a position to carry further its unequivocal campaign for the conquest of Ireland via the ballot. Of one position it is sure, and this is the shrewdest and newest political move Sinn Fein has fathered. No Sinn Fein member of Parliament will ever officially go to London. The present Sinn Fein members have not gone and will not go. The party proposes to elect just as many more as possible as fast as the elections occur, but never to take seats in London. "Sinn Fein in the English anything for Ireland, and we are through with it," say the Sinn Feiners. "We will meet in Dublin, do

what we can for Ireland, officially or unofficially, even to sending Irish Consuls and Ambassadors abroad." In answer to the new English bugaboo concerning Irish independence—viz., that an Irish republic would be a constant military menace to England—the Sinn Feiners declare that this has no element of logic. In the present war, they say, they could be of no advantage to Germany as long as England controls the seas, and if England should lose control of the seas the Germans would choose to land on the low near-east coast instead of on the far, mountainous west coast. Moreover, the Sinn Feiners say that they had no alliance with Germany in the past nor have one now. Roger Casement had no official relation to the Irish Republican Government, and aside from his lamentably futile efforts the Sinn Feiners have never had any communication with the German Government.

Ireland asks only to be neutral. That is the Sinn Fein world policy. She has fought enough battles for other people. Now she is fighting her own. When she wins that she will be through for a long, long time. When the English say it is impossible for Ireland, situated as she is, to be neutral, the Sinn Feiners ask how it is that Switzerland, in the very heart of Europe, surrounded on every side by fierce and stronger nations, can hold her neutrality respected and be assured that bitter foes will force each other to respect it. Then why can't Ireland, surrounded by the waves?

If the British Government does not answer these questions satisfactorily in the near future, or before a world peace, the Sinn Feiners propose to ask the Peace Conference to consider the claims of Ireland, and for that purpose a Provisional Government of the Irish Republic is still intact and prepared to nominate its representatives.

ANOTHER FOR ST. JOHN'S.

The following letter from a well known priest, at present in Denver, Col., touching upon the number of priests who have gone forth from St. John's parish, this city, indicates the widespread attention attracted by the article and letters touching thereon that appeared in the columns of the Kentucky Irish American in the two preceding issues. Our Denver friends writes:

"In the list of priests who belonged to St. John's parish, recently published by you, the following names were omitted: Right Rev. Monsignor D. J. Flynn, who died President of Mt. St. Mary's College, Emmitsburg, Md.; Very Rev. Joseph Flynn, present Vicar General of the Covington diocese, and Rev. T. F. McGuire, of Cleveland, Ohio. These three priests attended St. John's and received their first holy communion. St. John's school is still the banner school for producing priests. Long may it flourish."

TWIN CITY LEAGUE.

The Knights of Columbus clinched their title to the pennant flag in the Twin City League last Sunday by defeating Mackin in a 9 to 3 game, featured by the hitting of Madden for the winners, and whom all hope will hit just as well for his next manager, Uncle Sam. Mackin got revenge by beating Trinity in the second game of the double-header. Bertrands lost a 4 to 3 game to the Champs, but walloped the Imperials for their share of the glory. The Hibernians lost to the Imperials and just nosed out Trinity in a 2 to 2 game. The Y. M. boys injecting a strong Indiana battery in the contest. Tomorrow another double-header is scheduled, and this will close the season, giving the fans all an opportunity to help the Colonels in their dash for the pennant. They play as follows: Bertrands vs. Orioles and Hibernians, Champs vs. K. of C. and Imperials, Trinity vs. Imperials and K. of C. (beware), Mackin vs. Hibernians and Orioles. Standing to date:

K. of C.	Won	Lost	Pct.
Mackin	17	1	.944
Champions	12	6	.667
Orioles	10	8	.555
Hibernians	8	10	.445
Imperials	8	10	.445
Bertrands	4	14	.222
Trinity	0	18	.000

MEET OUR JONAH.

The Louisville ball team will wind up its series at Kansas City today and will begin a three-game series at Milwaukee tomorrow, then returning home to play a three-game series with our sure enough Jonahs, the Toledo team. After these three games at home the Colonels will go away for a short stay, the last away from home trip of the season. These Toledo games mean much in the tussle for the pennant flag, as they have all seasons to date. Louisville has just broke even in eighteen games with the despised tall-enders, while Indianapolis won eighteen out of twenty-one, and St. Paul, the other pennant contender, won twelve out of fifteen. Next Thursday will be the first game of the last series of the season with Toledo and the fans will be glad to again see why we are not able to defeat this club, which is easy for everyone else. It is hoped for the good of the game that during the rest of the season a quietus will be put on the plucky gamblers infesting Eclipse Park and annoying fans who attend baseball for pleasure.

KEOGH IS CHIEF.

Sir Alfred Keogh, Chief of the British medical service, is a native of Roscommon, Ireland, and was a student in Dublin University. He is a Catholic.

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